

# Homework for the Soul



Time is a gift not to be  
wasted



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It is with great pleasure that we are introducing our school-wide character education program. Our Shared Decision Making Team and Faculty are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. While academics are important, we know that it is equally important to support learning opportunities for the emotional well-being of our students.

Young people today are growing up in a busy over scheduled world where they are often influenced or even bombarded with messages from various media sources. We believe that a unified team approach between home and school is the best method to support the character development of our students.

In 1993, Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen published the popular book called, “Chicken Soup for the Soul”. At Jack Abrams we are proud to introduce our own variation on this popular theme called, *“Homework for the Soul”*. On the **third Wednesday of each month** we will have a night of homework dedicated to talking with your student about a particular character trait we are learning about in school. To spark the discussion, we will send home a link to a short video you can watch with your child. Afterward, our hope is that you will spend time talking with your child about how they can demonstrate the trait when riding on the school bus, at recess, in class and at home. Teachers will invite students to share how they spend their Homework for the Soul evening by journaling and talking about their experiences.

Time is the greatest gift that can be given, we hope that you will spend this time in a thoughtful discussion with your child. The theme for **November is GRATITUDE** a component of compassion. Look for your e-mail/text link to the short video to watch this Wednesday, November 15. We look forward to hearing and seeing the impact this program will have on our school community!

Thanks,

Your Shared Decision Making Team & Jack Abrams Faculty